



PROCLAMATION

“Census 2010 Day in Fayette County”

“Keep Fayette First”

- Whereas,** April 1st is the 2010 Census Day, the twenty-third since adoption in 1787 of the United States Constitution which required a decennial census beginning in 1790; and
- Whereas,** The original intent of the decennial census was to aid the Federal government in allocating seats in the United States House of Representatives; and
- Whereas,** More than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based, in part, on census data; and
- Whereas,** The information gathered by the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Bureau of the Census is now used by government agencies at all levels to identify and target community needs, to determine and fund service levels, and to establish service delivery strategies that stimulate economic growth; and
- Whereas,** Every segment of our population benefits from the collection of Census data which is kept confidential and protected by law, therefore making it important that every person and every household participate in the Census process; and
- Whereas,** Fayette County had the highest rate of return for census questionnaires amongst counties in the State of Georgia for both the 1990 and 2000 Census, which means that our citizens made the most effort to complete and return their Census forms; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Fayette County Board of Commissioners supports a partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010, do hereby proclaim April 1st as “Census 2010 Day in Fayette County”, and in doing so, encourage all our citizens to *“Keep Fayette First!”* and to once again, make Fayette County Number 1 in the State in response to Census 2010.

So proclaimed this 11th day of March, 2010 by the

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA**


Jack R. Smith, Chairman